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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S JULY 14 SPEECH ON UN

REF: STATE 170841

1. I CALLED ON FONMIN BIELKA JULY 23 TO DISCUSS WITH HIM SECRETARY'S SPEECH OF JULY 14 REGARDING US FOREIGN POLICY GOALS AND PARTICIPATION IN UN. I MADE POINTS SUGGESTED IN REFTEL AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT HE WOULD TAKE DIRECT AND PERSONAL INTEREST IN AUSTRIAN ACTIONS SUPPORTIVE OF WHAT WERE OBVIOUSLY OUR COMMON GOALS WITH RESPECT TO FUTURE OF UN. I FOUND BIELKA ALREADY WELL INFORMED ON SUBSTANCE OF SECRETARY'S SPEECH BUT APPRECIATIVE OF FULL TEXT WHICH I PROVIDED.

2. FONMIN SAID SPEECH WAS EXTREMELY GOOD, PARTICULARLY IN ITS STRESS ON POSITIVE ASPECT OF UN ACTIVITIES AND US ATTITUDE TOWARD UN WHILE NOT FAILING TO MAKE STRONGLY POINTS THAT NEEDED TO BE MADE ABOUT CURRENT TRENDS IN UNGA, WHICH CAN ONLY MAKE UN WEAKER. HE RECALLED THAT POLICY OF EXCLUSION WAS BEGINNING OF FAILURE OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS AND SAID GOA WAS
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ABSOLUTELY OPPOSED TO ATTEMPTS AT SUCH ACTION IN UNGA.

HE THOUGHT, HOWEVER, THAT IT WAS ALSO IMPORTANT THAT SOME EMPHASIS BE PLACED UPON NEED TO RESPECT UN RESOLUTIONS, OTHERWISE THEY HAD NO VALUE, AND THIS TOO UNDERMINED VALUE OF UN AS INSTITUTION. HE SAID IT WAS BECAUSE HE WAS SO CONCERNED WITH GROWING TENDENCY IN MANY COUNTRIES TO DISCOUNT VALUE OF UN THAT HE ESPECIALLY WELCOMED SECRETARY'S EMPHASIS OF ITS POSITIVE ASPECTS.

3. FONMIN SAID HE HAD SPOKEN WITH LUXEMBOURG PM/FONMIN GASTON THORN ABOUT UN'S FUTURE WHEN HE ACCOMPANIED PRESIDENT KIRSCHLAGER ON RECENT STATE VISIT TO LUXEMBOURG. HE SAID PM THORN HAD MADE POINT THAT, IF ELECTED PRESIDENT OF UNGA, HE WOULD BE ABLE TO DEFINE AND ASSERT ITS RULES IN MORE PROPER WAY.BUCHANAN

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